

A photograph of a woman with braided hair hugging a young girl from behind. The woman is smiling and looking at the girl, who is also smiling and looking towards the camera. The image is overlaid with a blue gradient.

# HOUSE OF RUTH

# 50<sup>TH</sup>

ANNIVERSARY

*Generations of Hope*

HOUSE OF RUTH 2026 ANNUAL REPORT



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# 50<sup>TH</sup>

## ANNIVERSARY

Join us for House of Ruth's 50th Anniversary Celebration

## *A Homecoming Celebration of Hope & Healing*

**Saturday, October 3, 2026  
5:00 to 8:00 PM**

National Housing Center | 1201 15th Street NW | Washington, DC 20005



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# DEAR FRIEND,



Happy anniversary! 2026 marks 50 years since House of Ruth opened our first building to eight women in 1976. **You are the reason House of Ruth celebrates this anniversary.**

Thank you for building a legacy that has transformed the lives of over 30,000 women, children, and families recovering from trauma, abuse, and homelessness over the past five decades.

In this moment, when too many women and families face uncertainty, homelessness, and continued violence, our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary reminds us why our work must continue. It is our responsibility to create safe spaces and provide the holistic services women and families need to rebuild their lives.

House of Ruth's comprehensive services—from service-enriched housing to therapeutic childcare to mental health counseling—have always focused on the long-term goal of changing the trajectory of generations.

Our next chapter addresses a goal shared by many of our participants: deeply affordable housing. We look forward to sharing exciting updates with you all.

**You are a part of generations of hope—from our first donor and the first woman we served.**

I encourage you to continue reading more about the life-changing impact of your generosity. In the following pages, you will see your impact in numbers and stories. You will meet Melody, who escaped her abuser with her young children and nothing else. You will also meet Briana, who came to our Domestic Violence Support Center after being abandoned by her family.

With gratitude for your ongoing championship of our shared impact,

Sandra Jackson  
President & CEO

Lou Cardenas  
Board Chair

# Melody's Story

*"I lost everything... even the things people don't think twice about." – Melody\**

When Melody arrived at House of Ruth in August 2024, she came with two of her children and herself—no other belongings.

Melody's two-year-old son was nonverbal. And her two-year-old daughter clung to her mother so tightly that she screamed whenever Melody stepped out of sight, a likely trauma response to witnessing abuse.

Her children weren't in school. Melody was unemployed. She had no vital documents. And her oldest daughter was not yet living with her.

For survivors of domestic violence, this reality is common. Abusers often withhold or destroy identification to maintain control.

But Melody's situation was even more complex – both of her youngest children were born at home and had never been taken to a hospital. They had no birth certificates, no Social Security numbers, and no official record they existed.

Securing Melody's and her children's documents became House of Ruth team's top priority. However the process is complex and challenging: you cannot obtain a birth certificate without a Social Security card; and you cannot obtain a Social Security card without a birth certificate.

All the while, her abuser was pursuing custody so he could list the children on his taxes – despite multiple violations of the Civil Protection Order. It took months before the case was finally dropped.



Because of your support, House of Ruth was able to surround Melody with a network of care – case managers, childcare, therapy services for the children, and our mental health counseling – all working together to rebuild the foundation of her family’s life.

With House of Ruth’s holistic programs, Melody’s youngest was enrolled in Kidspace Child and Family Development Center. Her oldest daughter, now nine, was able to move back with Melody, reuniting all three children.

With identification finally secured, her son received a developmental evaluation and began speech and occupational therapy twice a week. Melody also regained her car, restoring independence she hadn’t had in years.

Melody still has a long journey ahead. She shows up every day, consistently attending life skills trainings as well as group and individual counseling to prioritize her healing.

*\*Names changed to protect privacy.*

# YOUR IMPACT

Behind each number is a woman, a child, a family. Behind each number is a life you've touched. You have supported their healing journeys to rebuild their lives, providing vital services at no-cost to these participants.

*Because of you...*



**80%**

of families and single women who participate in our permanent supportive housing programs for at least one year are able to secure and sustain more independent housing after they leave House of Ruth.



**76%**

of children at Kidspace, our child and family development center, meet all of their developmental milestones after one year of enrollment.



**86%**

of domestic violence counseling participants reported improvement in daily functioning after two months



In our most recent program year, you helped us serve...

163

single women with  
service-enriched  
housing.



304

women and  
children with  
service-enriched  
family housing.

421

survivors with  
group counseling  
through our  
Domestic Violence  
Support Center.

25

single women  
and men with our  
housing voucher  
program.



106

survivors with one-on-one  
counseling (over 1,900  
counseling hours) through  
our Domestic Violence  
Support Center.

8

program participants  
completed first-  
time home buying  
seminars resulting  
in 1 program  
participant  
successfully  
purchasing their  
own home.

80

children and 100 parents  
through Kidspace,  
our child and family  
development center.



hundreds in the community  
through 85+ outreach and  
education events

85+

# Briana's Story

*"For the first time, I didn't feel like I had to hold it all in." – Briana\**

When Briana contacted House of Ruth's Domestic Violence Support Center (DVSC), she was a young college student with nowhere to go—ostracized by her family and carrying the weight of unspoken trauma: physical and emotional abuse from her father.

At first, it was hard for Briana to open up. But over time, she and her counselor built a strong, trusting relationship—one rooted in safety, non-judgment, and compassion. Briana began to find the words to make sense of her family system and explore the complex, conflicted feelings she held toward her parents. Though the process was painful, she gradually developed the emotional regulation skills needed to face her past and begin healing.

With each session, Briana gained insight, not just into what had happened, but how it had shaped the way she saw herself and the world. Her healing journey wasn't linear, but she kept going.

Now, Briana is nearing her college graduation. And she continues to work with her counselor to navigate the challenges of adulthood, carrying with her the tools, language, and strength to build a future free from the patterns of her past abuse.

Because of your support, survivors like Briana don't have to heal on a timeline. At the DVSC, counseling is never time-limited, and there are no payment or insurance requirements. Survivors can continue receiving care for as long as





they need it. And when they're ready, we support them in planning a thoughtful transition, whether that means accessing therapy through an employer, a community provider, or another trusted source. Your generosity removes the barriers to accessing mental health for domestic abuse survivors.

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# Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

June 30, 2025 and June 30, 2024

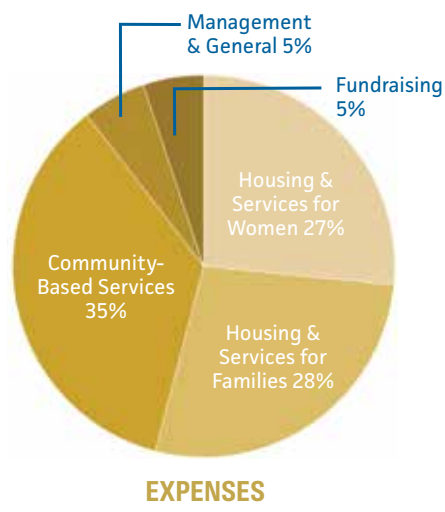
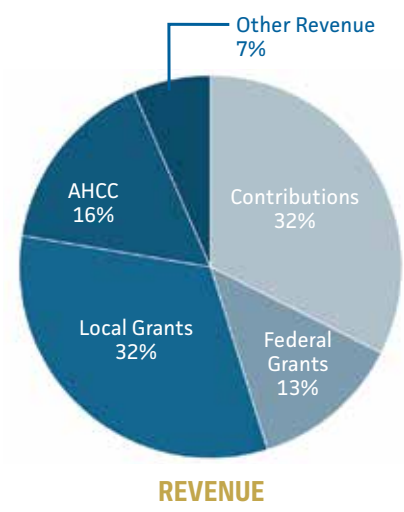
## FINANCIAL REPORT

| ASSETS                                           | 2025 Audited      | 2024 Audited      |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                            |                   |                   |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents:</b>                |                   |                   |
| Cash and cash equivalents                        | 6,130,345         | 4,650,122         |
| Resident deposits -cash held on behalf of others | 16,677            | 64,100            |
| Total cash and cash equivalents                  | 6,147,022         | 4,714,222         |
| <b>Receivables:</b>                              |                   |                   |
| Grants and contracts                             | 772,082           | 1,277,648         |
| Note receivable - Twain IF 334, LLC, net         | 48,046            | 48,046            |
| Total receivables                                | 820,128           | 1,325,694         |
| <b>Other assets:</b>                             |                   |                   |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets                | 179,875           | 245,850           |
| Total current assets                             | 7,147,025         | 6,285,766         |
| <b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>                        |                   |                   |
| Note Receivable - Twain IF 334, LLC              | 4,756,564         | 4,756,564         |
| Property and equipment, net                      | 19,092,189        | 16,555,679        |
| Total non-current assets                         | 23,848,753        | 21,312,243        |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                              | <b>30,995,778</b> | <b>27,598,009</b> |
| LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS                       | 2025 Audited      | 2024 Audited      |
| <b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>                       |                   |                   |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses            | 681,916           | 647,620           |
| Accrued annual leave                             | 163,569           | 187,813           |
| Deferred Revenue                                 | 104,632           | 59,682            |
| Residential Deposits                             | 16,677            | 64,100            |
| Total current liabilities                        | 966,794           | 959,215           |
| <b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>                   |                   |                   |
| Notes payable - QLICI A&B                        | 6,566,000         | 6,566,000         |
| Total non-current liabilities                    | 6,566,000         | 6,566,000         |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>                         | <b>7,532,794</b>  | <b>7,525,215</b>  |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>                                |                   |                   |
| Total net assets                                 | 23,462,984        | 20,072,794        |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>          | <b>30,995,778</b> | <b>27,598,009</b> |

# Consolidated Statements of Activities

June 30, 2025 and June 30, 2024

| REVENUE AND SUPPORT                        | 2025 Audited | 2024 Audited |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Contributions                              | 6,492,418    | 5,604,392    |
| Federal government grants                  | 2,553,681    | 2,815,999    |
| Local government grants                    | 6,490,986    | 5,440,608    |
| Affordable Housing Capital Campaign (AHCC) | 3,169,256    | 10,000       |
| Other revenue                              | 1,314,825    | 760,299      |
| TOTAL REVENUE AND SUPPORT                  | 20,021,166   | 14,631,298   |
| EXPENSES                                   | 2025 Audited | 2024 Audited |
| <b>Program Services:</b>                   |              |              |
| Housing and services for families          | 4,417,918    | 3,884,346    |
| Housing and services for women             | 4,578,289    | 4,527,167    |
| Community based services                   | 5,889,073    | 4,238,626    |
| Total program services                     | 14,885,280   | 12,650,139   |
| <b>Supporting Services:</b>                |              |              |
| Management and general                     | 892,532      | 1,069,752    |
| Fundraising                                | 853,164      | 863,664      |
| Total supporting services                  | 1,745,696    | 1,933,416    |
| TOTAL EXPENSES                             | 16,630,976   | 14,583,555   |
| CHANGE IN NET ASSETS                       | 3,390,190    | 47,743       |
| NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR              | 20,072,794   | 20,025,051   |
| NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR                    | 23,462,984   | 20,072,794   |



# Stephanie's Story

*"Being a single mother is not always easy, but having the support from my Kidspace family has been a tremendous help." – Stephanie\**

Stephanie is a devoted mom with two children enrolled at House of Ruth's Kidspace Child and Family Development Center. Life has brought her many challenges: domestic violence, job loss, and the daily struggles of raising children as a single parent. Stephanie found more than childcare at Kidspace—she found a true community for her children and herself.

Families like Stephanie's receive far more than daycare at Kidspace. They find multigenerational programs from a dedicated staff designed to support the whole family thrive—all provided at no cost thanks to your generosity.

## **For children:**

- 3 nutritious meals each day
- An array of therapeutic services, including speech, music, and play therapy
- A play-based learning program guided by the Creative Curriculum

## **For parents and caregivers:**

- A Family Engagement team for one-on-one support and resource connections
- Access to wellness coaching, counseling, and therapeutic services
- A welcoming community of other parents raising young children



Because of you, Stephanie's children are meeting their developmental milestones. As a parent, Stephanie has the resources, encouragement, and community she needs to keep moving forward.

*\*Names changed to protect privacy.*



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“Escaping my abusive  
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 experience, but I am grateful  
 to have safely escaped, and  
 to now own my own home.  
 Within this space, I can show  
 my children what it means to  
 have a healthy relationship  
 with self and with others.”

“Thank you for your generosity and kindness. Your gift brought comfort, hope and light to my family.” – Megan

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